

July 23, 1958

Dean R. K. Froker
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Dear Dr. Froker:

As you know, I am accepting a position as Professor and executive officer in the Department of Genetics at the Stanford University Medical School. As outlined in our discussion yesterday, I would like to present the following plan:

Dr. L. L. Cavalli-Sforza, with whom I have collaborated on several occasions in the past, mostly recently during his three months' visit to Madison this spring, has asked my wife and I to renew our collaborative research in his own laboratory. An excellent occasion to do this would be from April through June next year, just prior to my moving my laboratory to Stanford. According to which tactics you find most convenient, I am therefore prepared to resign from the University of Wisconsin faculty as of either April 1 or June 30, 1959. However, I will have several students and an assistant continuing their work from April through June, and relying upon stipends from research grants under my direction. I therefore request that my status in this interval be such as to protect their interests. In due course, I will submit a formal request for the effective transfer of these funds to be administered by Stanford University from July 1, 1959 thenceforth. Stanford University is willing to assume my salary during the April - June interval, and I have assumed that the University of Wisconsin would prefer to take advantage of the saving for its own budget. I do not anticipate any loose ends that might dangle after July, except for one or two minor or joint students whom I have advised hitherto. I would neither press for nor reject a 'leave' status if that would be of any advantage for the period after July 1, 1959.

A particular problem is posed, however, in connection with my wife's salary as a project associate. She is currently on an appointment paid by Rockefeller Foundation grant funds (93-2846). This grant expires August 31, 1959. I can visualize two alternatives to allow for the continuation of her salary after April 1, 1959: (a) to request the University of Wisconsin to continue her appointment through its present term ending June 30, 1959; or (b) to request the termination of the grant to the University of Wisconsin and its reactivation for the remaining months at Stanford. It would be understood that she would be continuing her research program during April-June in association with me at Dr. Cavalli's laboratory in Pavia, Italy. I will confer with the responsible officials at Rockefeller; meanwhile, I would request the University administration to consider plan (a) which involves a minimum of complication.

Let me take this occasion to express my thanks and appreciation for generous and cordial dealings in years past.

Yours sincerely,

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